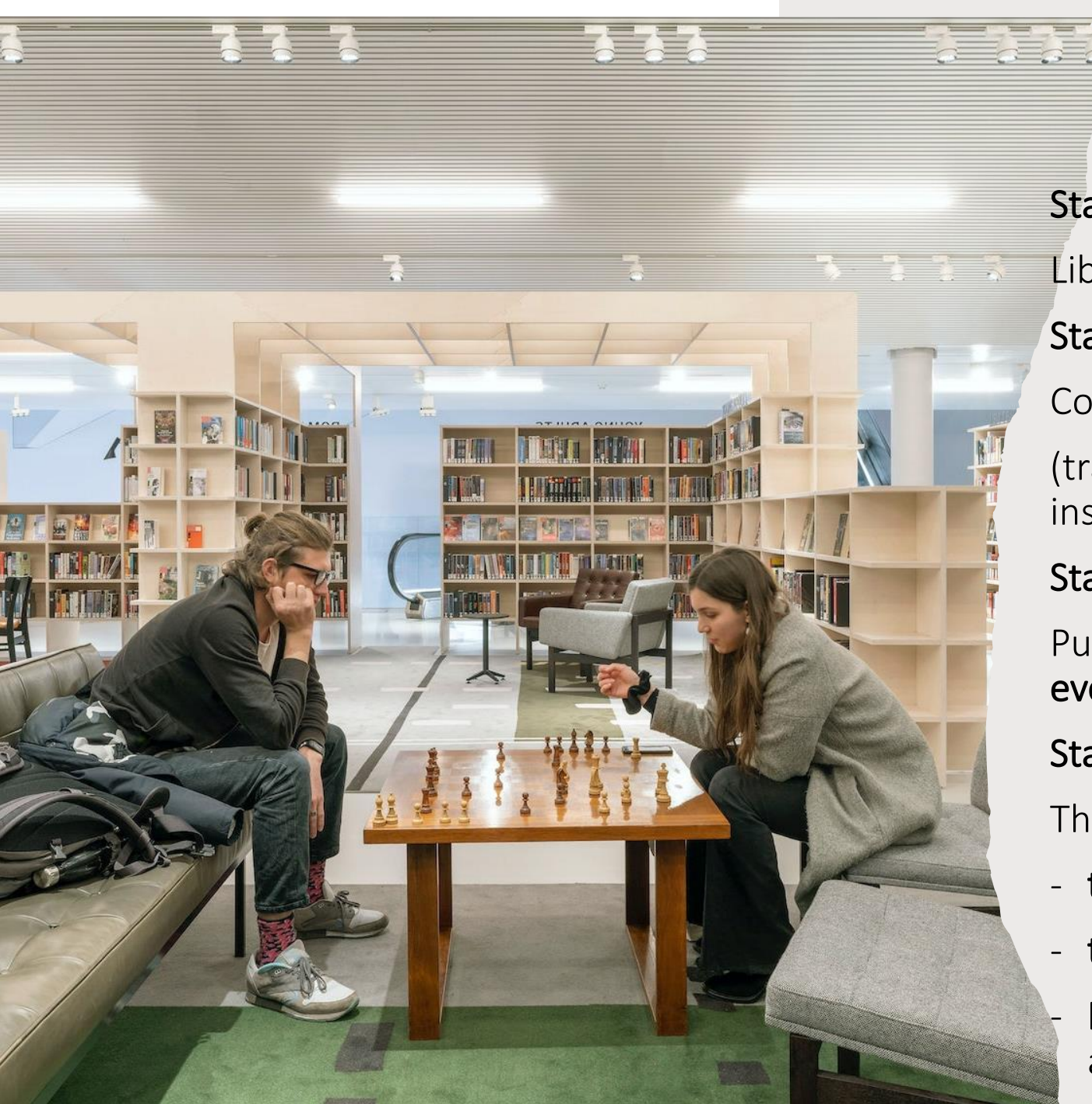




The library of our dreams

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What is a library?

Statement 1

Library is traditionally about **books**

Statement 2

Contemporary library is **very much more but books** (trainings, language cafes, crafting, 3D, musical instruments, seeds, sewing...)

Statement 3

Public library is a **free non-commercial place for everybody, our common living room**

Statement 4

The role of a library is also

- to support sustainable lifestyle (borrowing = reuse),
- to stimulate the imagination, help to dream,
- Help to find something you couldn't look for – activities, ideas you didn't know about

In Estonia

- Libraries are the most used cultural institutions
- Every third Estonian uses public library
- 79% of people over 15 read books at their free time
- 25% of library users are children
- 88% of Estonians use internet





The library space

- enough air and space for everyone
- multifunctional, cosy, inviting
- suitable for concentration and for various activities
- dynamic transition of different areas,
- overview of the room – to find out new possibilities/activities you have not used yet

The library space 7150 m²

... has to support all different activities so that people do not disturb each other

You can get loud at the library, but you must have a silent place as well

- possibility to „be alone with others“
- read and learn in silence
- have a chat with friends
- held a meeting
- speak with phone
- events: discussions, presentations, workshops
- make music, enjoy puppet theatre, scan, 3D print, sew, craft ect

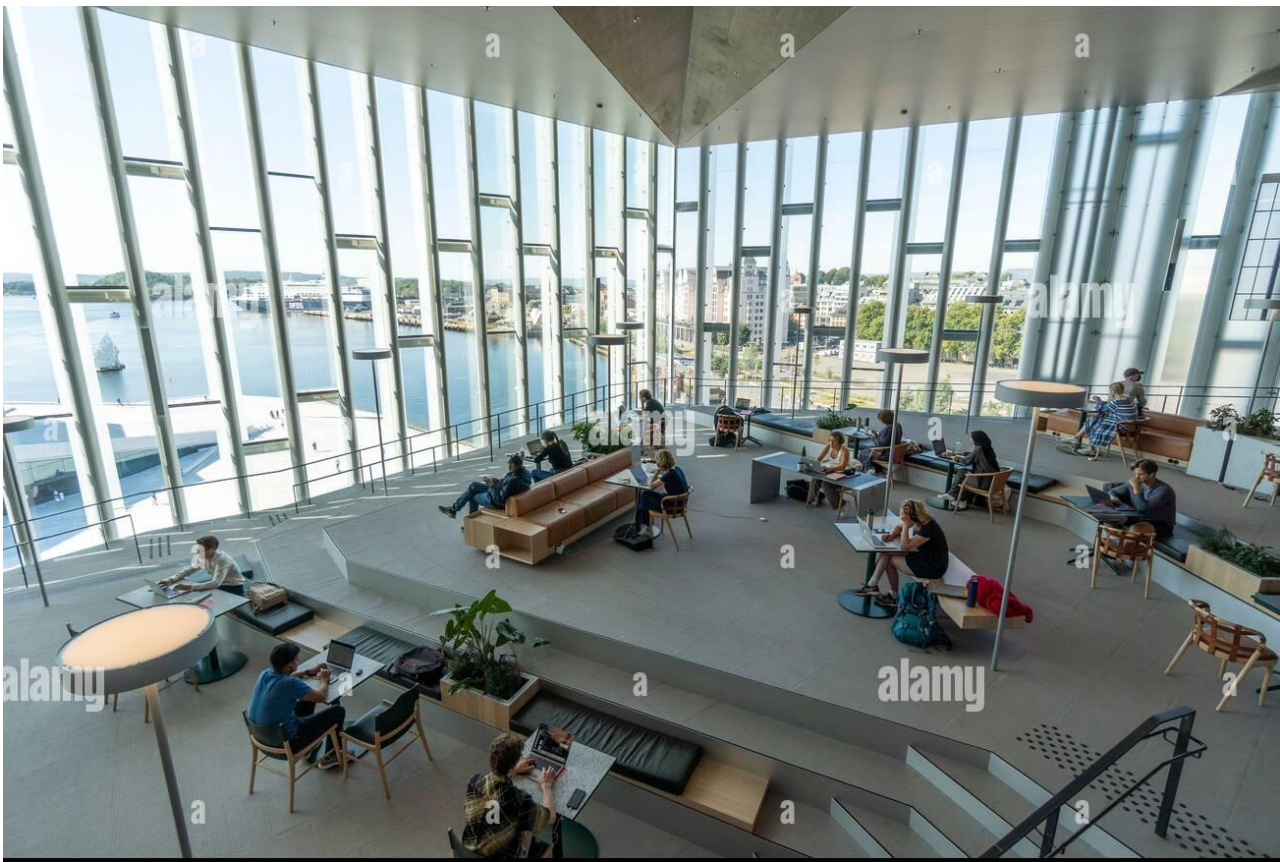


Fun
helps to bring to reading

If children like the place,
parents come too



Different areas





Library and cafe have merged – no walls

A view

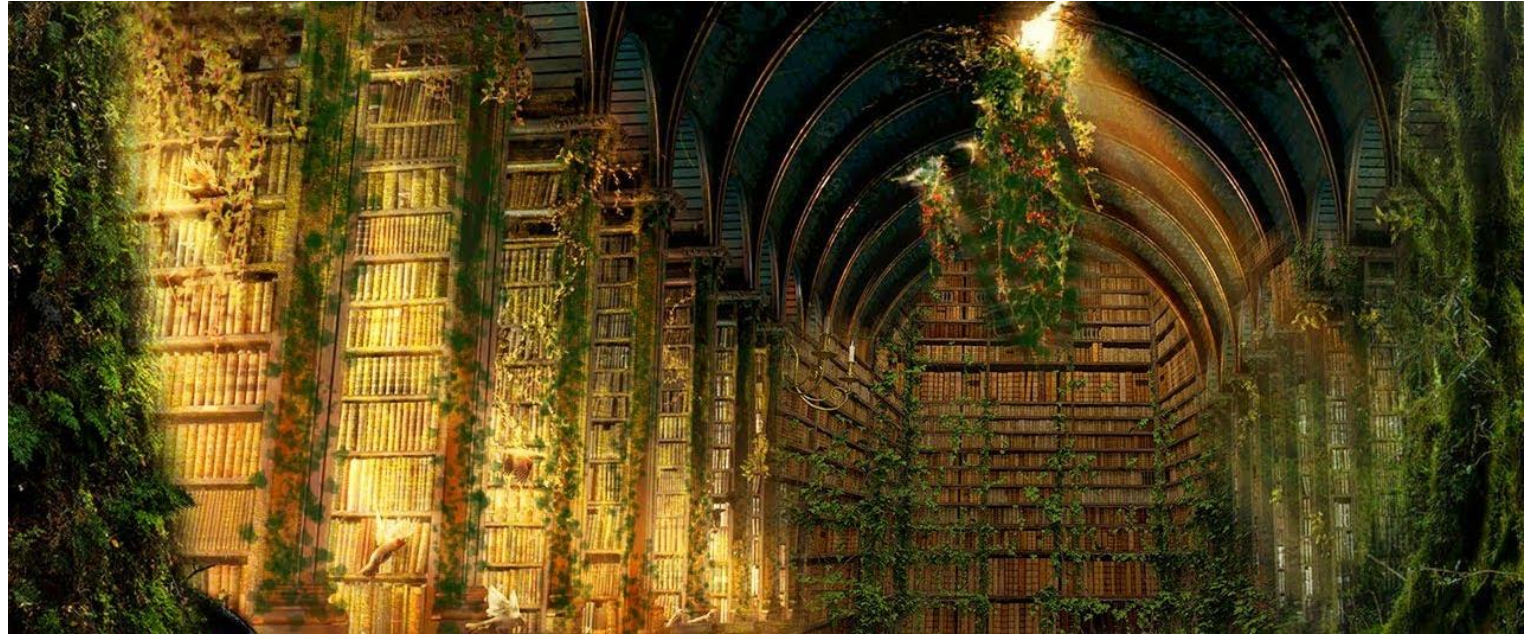
- Good to have an overview of the space (high shelves only by the wall)
- Good to have nice views at the city and the river – for dreaming



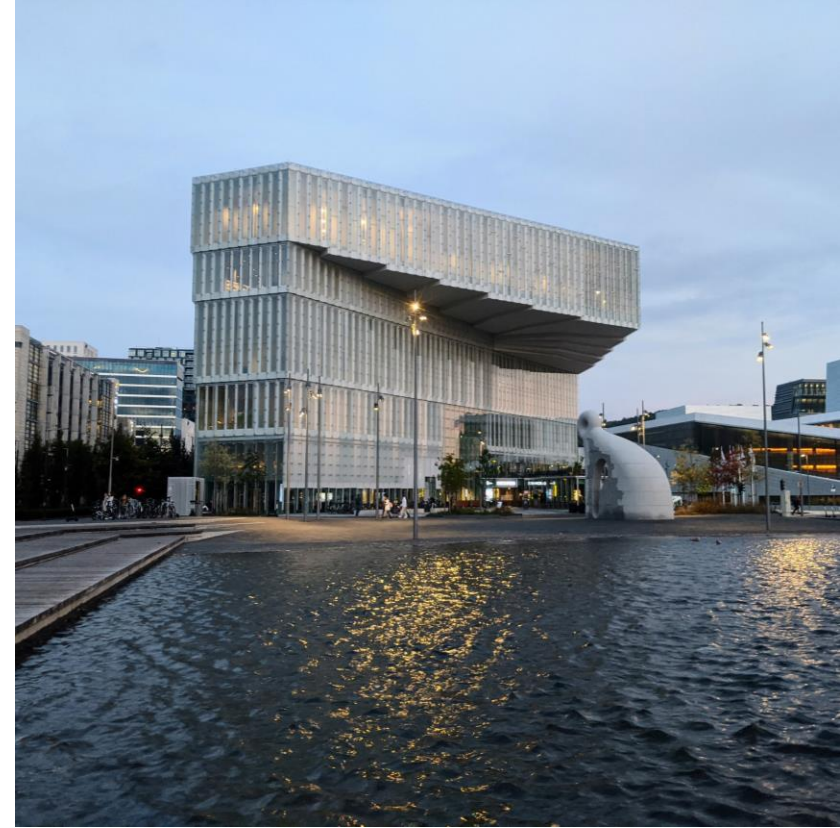
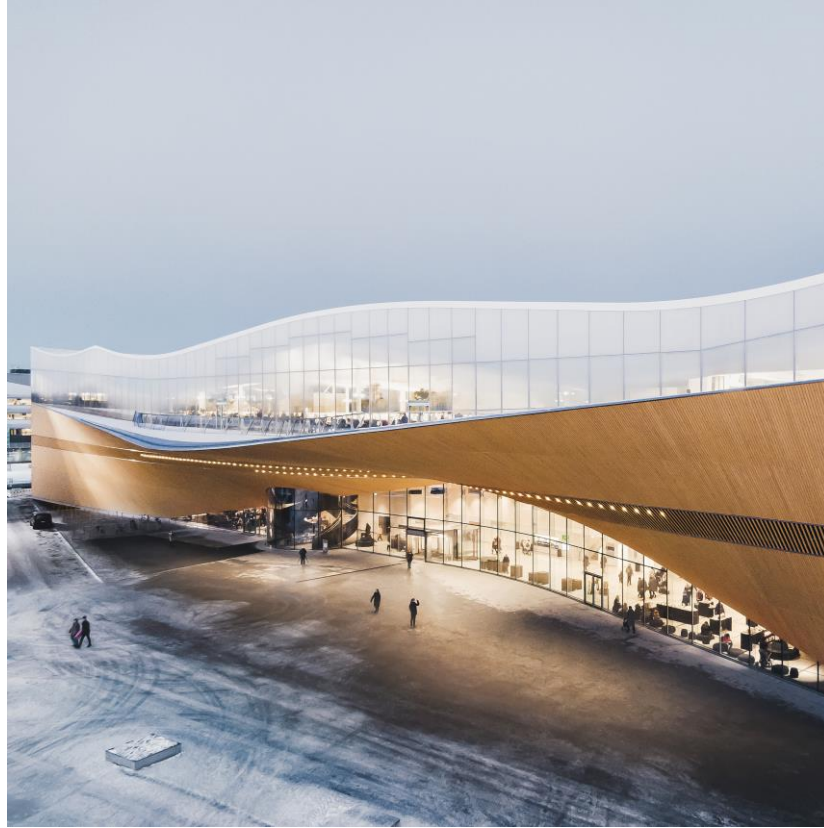


Practical solutions

- no shelves you can't reach
- Interior/furniture has to fit to different people and purposes
- part of the furniture can be mobile (smaller shelves, chairs/tables)
- possibility to load a computer/phone everywhere



Some people want a library to be a bit mysterious place



Our favourites

- Forum Groningen
- Oodi in Helsinki
- Deichman in Oslo
- LocHal in Tilburg



Thank you for your attention!

We are waiting for Your exciting solutions!

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